

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (withdrawn)

Claim 2 (withdrawn)

Claim 3 (withdrawn)

Claim 4 (withdrawn)

Claim 5 (withdrawn)

Claim 6 (withdrawn)

Claim 7 (withdrawn)

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method for real-time online search processing over inter-connected computer networks of shopping requests received from a wireless handheld client, comprising the steps of

- a. communicating with the wireless handheld client through a remote server using XML;
- b. maintaining in an offline database information for a plurality of vendor sites over inter-connected computer networks, wherein the information includes URL's, search form URL's, description of domains, and vendor descriptions, wherein the vendor descriptions include generalized rules about how product information is organized on each of the vendor sites;
- c. processing a product keyword request, received from the wireless handheld device client through the remote server, including using the vendor descriptions to identify ones of the plurality of vendor sites which may have

information responsive to the product keyword request, and the search form URL's;

- d. extracting real-time price and product information from the identified ones of the plurality of vendor sites, wherein the extracted price and product information are in a native language of the site; and
- e. communicating the extracted price and product information to the wireless handheld device client through the remote server.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 8, wherein the step of processing a product keyword request further comprises the step of receiving from the wireless handheld device client a single country designation; and further wherein the extracting step includes the steps of

- i) posting a request using the processed parameters to at least one of the plurality of vendors online, in real-time; and
- ii) retrieving data related to the price and product information from search results obtained in response to the posting step;
- iii) sorting the retrieved data by price; and
- iv) displaying processed data for the desired product from at least one of the plurality of vendors.

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 9, wherein in the step of posting a request, the processed parameters are the combination of the search parameters and vendor identification received from the user, vendor description for the identified vendor, and the URL of the identified vendor.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method of claim 9, wherein the vendor descriptions maintained in the offline database includes delimiter patterns which are used in each of the plurality of vendor sites to identify price, product and other information in each of the plurality of vendor sites, and further wherein the step of retrieving data employs the delimiter patterns.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 9, wherein the step of extracting real-time price and product information is domain-independent and language-independent.

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Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 9, wherein the step of communicating the processed data is based on wrapping the information to be displayed in XML.